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CHAPTER VII

No. 160.

DECLARATION OF THE TRIPLE ENTENTE

(September 4, 1914)

DECLARATION

M. Delcassé, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the French Ambassadors and Ministers abroad.

PARIS, *September 4, 1914.*

The following declaration has this morning been signed at the Foreign Office at London:

The undersigned duly authorized thereto by their respective governments hereby declare as follows:

The British, French and Russian Governments mutually engage not to conclude peace separately during the present war. The three Governments agree that when terms of peace come to be discussed, no one of the Allies will demand terms of peace without the previous agreement of each of the other Allies.

(Signed) PAUL CAMBON.
COUNT BENCKENDORFF.
EDWARD GREY.

This declaration will be published to-day.

DELCASSÉ.

APPENDICES

EXTRACTS FROM THE "BLUE BOOK" (ENGLISH), FROM THE "GREY BOOK" (BELGIAN), FROM THE "WHITE BOOK" (GERMAN), AND FROM THE "ORANGE BOOK" (RUSSIAN).

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- No. 123. Sir Edward Grey to Sir E. Goschen, British Ambassador at Berlin. August 1, 1914. [October Supplement, p. 351.]

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(Semi-official publication in the "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," August 20, 1914)

- No. 1. Prince Lichnowsky, German Ambassador at London, to Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, Chancellor of the German Empire. July 31, 1914. [January, 1915, Supplement, p. 103. Note that the date of this document given in the German official publication is August 1, 1914.]
- No. 2. Telegram from the Emperor William to King George V. August 1, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 103.]
- No. 3. Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, Chancellor of the Empire, to Prince Lichnowsky, German Ambassador at London. August 1, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 103.]
- No. 4. Telegram from King George V. to the Emperor William. August 1, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 104.]
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- No. 153. Sir Edward Grey to Sir E. Goschen, British Ambassador at Berlin. August 4, 1914. [October Supplement, p. 369.]
- No. 155. Sir Edward Grey to Sir F. Villiers, British Minister at Brussels. August 4, 1914. [October Supplement, p. 370.]
- No. 157. German Foreign Secretary to Prince Lichnowsky, German Ambassador at London. August 4, 1914. [October Supplement, p. 371.]
- No. 159. Sir Edward Grey to Sir E. Goschen, British Ambassador at Berlin. August 4, 1914. [October Supplement, p. 371.]
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Extracts from the "Grey Book" pointing out the Conditions under which Germany violated Belgian Neutrality.

- No. 2. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Ministers at Paris, Berlin, London, Vienna, and St. Petersburg. July 24, 1914. With enclosure. [January Supplement, p. 51.]
- No. 8. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Ministers at Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna, St. Petersburg, Rome, The Hague, and Luxemburg. July 29, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 54.]
- No. 9. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Ministers at Berlin, Paris, and London. July 31, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 55.]
- No. 11. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Ministers at Berlin, London, and Paris. July 31, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 56.]
- No. 12. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Ministers at Berlin, London, and Paris. July 31, 1914. With enclosure. [January Supplement, p. 57.]
- No. 13. Count de Lalaing, Belgian Minister at London, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 1, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 58.]
- No. 14. Baron Beyens, Belgian Minister at Berlin, to M. Davignon, Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 1, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 59.]
- No. 15. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Ministers at Berlin, Paris, and London. August 1, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 59.]
- No. 19. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Belgian Ministers at Paris, Berlin, London, Vienna, and St. Petersburg. August 2, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 60.]
- No. 20. Note presented by Herr von Below Saleske, German Minister at Brussels, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 2, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 61.]

- No. 22. Note communicated by M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Herr von Below Saleske, German Minister. August 3, 1914. (7 a. m.) [January Supplement, p. 63.]
- No. 27. Herr von Below Saleske, German Minister, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 4, 1914. (6 a. m.) [January Supplement, p. 66.]
- No. 28. Note communicated by Sir Francis H. Villiers, British Minister at Brussels, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 4, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 28.]
- No. 30. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Belgian Ministers at London and Paris. August 4, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 68.]
- No. 31. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Herr von Below Saleske, German Minister. August 4, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 68.]
- No. 35. Baron Beyens, Belgian Minister at Berlin, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 4, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 69.]
- No. 39. Count de Lalaing, Belgian Minister at London, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 4, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 74.]
- No. 40. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to British, French, and Russian Ministers at Brussels. August 4, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 74.]
- No. 41. Count de Lalaing, Belgian Minister at London, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 5, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 75.]
- No. 44. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Heads of Missions in all Countries having Diplomatic Relations with Belgium. August 5, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 76.]
- No. 48. Communication of August 5, from Sir Francis Villiers, British Minister at Brussels, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. [January Supplement, p. 79.]
- No. 52. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the Belgian Ministers at Paris, London, and St. Petersburg. August 5, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 80.]
- No. 60. Baron Fallon, Belgian Minister at The Hague, to M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. August 9, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 88.]
- No. 71. M. Davignon, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Baron Fallon, Belgian Minister at The Hague. August 12, 1914. [January Supplement, p. 94.]

APPENDIX V

Telegrams exchanged between the Emperor William II and the Emperor Nicholas II

(Extracts from the German White Book)

- I. The Emperor William to the Emperor Nicholas. July 28, 1914. 10.45 p. m. [October Supplement, p. 406.]
- II. The Emperor Nicholas to the Emperor William. July 29, 1914. 1 p. m. [October Supplement, p. 406.]
- III. The Emperor William to the Emperor Nicholas. July 29, 1914. 6.30 p. m. [October Supplement, p. 407.]

- IV. The Emperor William to the Emperor Nicholas. July 30, 1914. 1 a. m. [October Supplement, p. 407.]
- V. The Emperor Nicholas to the Emperor William. July 30, 1914. 1.20 p. m. [October Supplement, p. 408.]
- VI. The Emperor Nicholas to the Emperor William. July 31, 1914. [October Supplement, p. 379.]
- VII. The Emperor William to the Emperor Nicholas. July 31, 1914. 2 p. m. [October Supplement, p. 379.]
- VIII. The Emperor Nicholas to the Emperor William.* August 1, 1914. 2. p. m.

I have received your telegram. I comprehend that you are forced to mobilize, but I should like to have from you the same guaranty which I have given you, viz., that these measures do not mean war, and that we shall continue to negotiate for the welfare of our two countries and the universal peace which is so dear to our hearts. With the aid of God it must be possible to our long tried friendship to prevent the shedding of blood. I expect with full confidence your urgent reply.

- IX. The Emperor William to the Emperor Nicholas.* August 1, 1914.

I thank you for your telegram. I have shown yesterday to your government the way through which alone war may yet be averted. Although I asked for a reply by to-day noon, no telegram from my ambassador has reached me with the reply of your government. I therefore have been forced to mobilize my army. An immediate, clear and unmistakable reply of your government is the sole way to avoid endless misery. Until I receive this reply I am unable, to my great grief, to enter upon the subject of your telegram. I must ask most earnestly that you, without delay, order your troops to commit, under no circumstances, the slightest violation of our frontiers.

APPENDIX VI

Extracts from the "Orange Book" relating to Germany's Declaration of War on Russia

- No. 76. Note presented by the German Ambassador at St. Petersburg. July 19 (August 1), 7.10 p. m. [January Supplement, p. 45.]
- No. 77. Announcement by the Russian Ministry for Foreign Affairs respecting recent events. July 20 (August 2), 1914. [January Supplement, p. 46.]
- No. 78. Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Russian representatives abroad. July 20 (August 2), 1914. [January Supplement, p. 49.]

* These telegrams do not appear in the English translation of the German White Book first published in America. They appear in a later translation published in pamphlet form by the German Government.—Ed.